

These words helped guide President Trump's actions in office as he advocated for pro-life policies both domestically and abroad. Domestically, President Trump fought to defund Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers from receiving Federal funding. He prohibited such entities from receiving title X funding and permitted States to prohibit them from participating in Medicaid as well. In 2018, President Trump issued a rule requiring health insurers to specify whether plans cover abortion. He also issued rules to protect religious objectors and moral objectors from the Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate. In addition, the President established a new Conscience and Religious Freedom division of the Office for Civil Rights to protect healthcare providers who object to participating in abortions.

President Trump's commitment to the unborn was just as strong abroad. Just days after his inauguration, President Trump ended Federal funding of abortion overseas by reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits nongovernment organizations receiving U.S. aid grants from performing and promoting abortions overseas. He directed the Secretary of State to implement the ban on taxpayer funds for overseas abortions across most U.S. global health programs through his Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy.

In addition, President Trump also defunded the United Nations Population Fund, a program long tied to China's forced abortion one-child policy. To further underline this, the Trump administration in 2020 declared to the United Nations that abortion is not a human right and signed the Geneva Consensus Declaration, where 33 nations joined together to reaffirm the value of unborn life. Finally, in January 2021, the Trump administration and called for the Chinese Communist Party to immediately end its system of forced abortions.

In addition to his work within the executive branch, President Trump also showed his commitment to the pro-life cause by nominating constitutional conservative and originalist judges to the Federal judiciary. He nominated three originalist Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court: Justice Neil Gorsuch in 2017, Justice Brett Kavanaugh in 2018, and Justice Amy Coney Barrett in 2020. More broadly, President Trump nominated 234 new article III judges who share this commitment to upholding our Constitution as written.

As the pro-life movement advances, it is important for us to recognize how we got here. Former President Trump deserves praise for all his administration did over the past 4 years to advance the cause of the unborn. I am grateful for that work and recognize the tireless advocacy of the Trump administration to protect both women and their babies.

#### RECOGNIZING THE INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, for many years, thousands of members of the Intercessors for America—IFA—have been devoted to prayer and fasting in the name of protecting the unborn and of ending abortion. The IFA was founded in 1973 in an era when our Nation experienced turmoil within the political, moral, and traditional values that are the cornerstone of our Nation.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its divisive landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion and shocking the majority of Americans. IFA has worked since then to mobilize our Nation to pray for the protection of innocent life and to find unity among the cultural conflicts in our country. Today, IFA is a national organization of millions of like-minded people who are steadfast in praying for God's support and guidance for our Nation's executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

I thank the members of IFA for their dedication, prayers, and fasting in support of the sanctity of life. Their work has helped increase awareness for the pro-life movement and its overarching goal to defend the unborn. It is the decades of prayer and hard work of so many pro-life advocates that has led us to this moment in history in which the Supreme Court will be hearing oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This case, which focuses on the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that bars abortion after 15 weeks, could reset the abortion issue and return it to elected leaders, who are more directly accountable to the people than Federal judges.

Today, I recognize and pay tribute to the role of the IFA in the nearly 50-year fight to protect innocent life in the womb. I also join with the IFA in praying for the members of our Supreme Court, who are now preparing to hear the *Dobbs* case. May God grant each Justice wisdom for the task and mercy for the unborn.

#### TRIBUTE TO SAM BROWNBACK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, it is an honor to pay tribute to my fellow public servant Sam Brownback of Kansas. During his service both as Governor of Kansas and as a U.S. Senator, he advocated tirelessly for the right to life. More recently, during the last administration, he served as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, fighting for the free exercise of religion abroad.

After a couple years in the House of Representatives, Ambassador Brownback represented Kansas in the Senate from 1996 to 2011. He came to the Capitol with a background similar to mine. I served as the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce prior to coming to the Senate, and Ambassador Brownback served as Kansas's

Secretary of Agriculture before coming to DC.

Upon joining the Senate, Ambassador Brownback consistently supported pro-life legislation and voted in defense of the sanctity of life. Through his 15 years in the Senate, he supported pro-life legislation including the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, and the Hyde amendment.

This support for unborn life continued when the people of Kansas elected Sam Brownback to be their Governor, a position in which he served from 2011 to 2018. As Governor, he signed numerous laws protecting unborn human life, including a measure that made Kansas the first State to ban dismemberment abortions. Furthermore, during his tenure, Kansas passed laws restricting funding to abortion providers and banning sex-selective abortions, among many others.

Sam Brownback's steadfast efforts paid off. By the time he became an Ambassador in 2018, Kansas had become the second most pro-life State in the Nation, as ranked by the Americans United for Life. In fact, the number of abortions in Kansas dropped by nearly 30 percent, a testimony to the success of his policies promoting a culture of life.

But his efforts did not stop there. Upon his confirmation in 2018 as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, he continued the fight to protect life and stand up against injustice abroad. He worked hand-in-hand with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in condemning the Chinese Communist Party for its regime of forced abortions and sterilizations.

Throughout his long and commendable career in public service, Ambassador Brownback has shown a remarkable commitment to the sanctity of life. As the Supreme Court prepares to hear the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, I am pleased to rise to recognize leaders in the pro-life movement who have advanced the cause to this point. Ambassador Brownback is definitely among those leaders for his many years as a champion for life.

#### TRIBUTE TO SEAN DUFFY

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, as the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, I am taking time to recognize leaders in the pro-life movement who have helped bring us to this point. Today, I pay tribute to former Congressman Sean Duffy, who represented the pro-life values of the Seventh District of Wisconsin for five terms from 2011–2019.

Throughout his time in the House, Representative Duffy remained unwavering in his commitment to the sanctity of life. Whatever pro-life issue